REMARKS

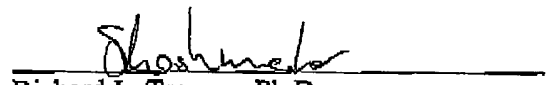
Claims 22-23, 25 and 27-37 are active in the present application. Claims 24 and 26 have been cancelled. Claim 22 has been amended to include the limitations of previous Claim 22. Claim 27 has been amended to place the claim in a product-by-process form. No new matter is added.

In discussions with the Examiner on July 21 and 29, 2004, the Examiner indicated that an amendment to independent Claim 22 to include the limitations of previous dependent Claim 24 would be sufficient for bringing the claims under condition for allowance. Claim 22 has been amended herein to include the limitations of previous dependent Claim 24. The specification has been amended to note that the parent application of the present Continuation application is now a U.S. patent.

Applicants submit the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request entry of the present Supplemental Amendment and passage of all now-pending claims to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Richard L. Treanor, Ph.D.
Registration No. 36,379

Stefan U. Koschmieder, Ph.D.
Registration No. 50,238

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 06/04)

RLT/SUK/law

PAGE 8/8 * RCVD AT 7/30/2004 4:13:59 PM [Eastern Daylight Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-3/24 * DNIS:2731384 * CSID:7034132000 * DURATION (mm-ss):02-02